

Section 3. Section 2-15-1740, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-1740. Board of hearing aid dispensers. (1) There is a board of hearing aid dispensers.

(2) The board consists of ~~seven~~ five members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. ~~The members are:~~ including:

(a) ~~one member who shall hold or be eligible for a certificate of qualification from the~~ American board of otolaryngology;

(b)(a) two members, each of whom has been a licensed hearing aid dispenser for at least 5 years, possesses ~~national certification in audiology~~ a current Montana audiologist license, and has a master's level college degree;

(e)(b) two members, each of whom does not hold a master's level college degree in audiology but has been a licensed dispenser and fitter of hearing aids for at least 5 years before being appointed to the board; and

(d)(c) ~~two one public members member, each of whom is not in the hearing health field and~~ one of whom who is an otolaryngologist, or a person who is not a licensed hearing aid dispenser or a licensed audiologist and who regularly uses a hearing aid because the person has of a demonstrated hearing impairment.

(3) Each member shall serve for ~~a term of 3 years~~ 3-year terms. A member may not be reappointed within 1 year after the expiration of the member's second consecutive full term.

(4) The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121."